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1. WITH VOTE OF CONFIDENCE EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN SUNDAY,
JULY 3, NO ELEMENT OF TURKISH PRESS, NOT EVEN USUALLY
OPTIMISTIC PRO-ECEVIT PAPERS, IS REDICTING THAT THE
ECEVIT GOVERNMENT WILL WIN. MANY JULY 1 PRESS REPORTS AND
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EDITORIALS ADDRESS CHANCES OF DEMIREL'S REVIVING THE
NATIONALIST FRONT AND LAMENT THE PROSPECT THAT, IF ECEVIT
FAILS TO WIN VOTE OF CONFIDENCE, TURKEY IS LIKELY TO SUFFER
AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY.

2. THE CHAIRMEN OF THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP),
JUSTICE PARTY (JP), AND NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY (NAP)

MET JUNE 30 AND ISSUED A JOINT STATMENT. THE MAJOR POINTS WERE:

A. ASSIGNING ECEVIT TO FORM A GOVERNMENT WHICH COULD NOT WIN A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE WAS DISMAYING AND MAY DAMAGE TRUKISH DEMOCRACY;

B. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO CONSIDER THE ACTS OF THE ECEVIY GOVERNMENT (CHARACTERIZED AS "RAIDS") LEGITIMATE;

C. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A GOVERNMENT BASED ON A PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY (JP, NSP, NAP) CAN BE FORMED AND CAN WIN A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE, AND IT SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO ACT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. ON JUNE 29, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN RELIANCE PARTY (RR), TURHAN FEYZIOGLU, ANNOUNCED THAT THE THREE RR DEPUTIES WILL CAST ABSTENTION BALLOTS DURING THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE. HE RENEWED HIS CALL FOR A JP-RPP DIALOGUE AND NATIONAL UNITY AT A TIME WHEN TURKEY FACES SERIOUS PROBLEMS. FEYZIOGLU ALSO DEPLORED AND ASKED FOR AN END TO EXTREMISM, HARD-LINE POLITICAL ATTITUDES, ATTACKS ON THE PRESIDENT, AND WALK-OUTS IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

4. ALTHOUGH THE SENATE WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE, IT IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO DEBATE THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAM, AND THAT DEBATE WAS HELD ON JUNE 30.
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JP AND NSP SENATORS DID NOT PARTICIPATE. SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CONTINGENT GROUP OF SENATORS, FORMER PRIMIN NIHAT ERIM PRAISED THE CABINET LIST AND THE PROGRAM TO RESTORE INTERNAL SECURITY, BUT CRITICIZED SECTIONS WHICH ATTACKED THE FORMER NATIONALIST FRONT GOVERNMENT AND THE VAGUENESS OF OTHERS.

5. COMMENT: THE PESSIMISM IN THE PRESS, THE MEETING OF THREE NATIONALIST FRONT PARTY LEADERS, AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE RR WILL ABSTAIN DURING BALLOTING LEND WEIGHT TO SPECULATION THAT THE ECEVIT GOVERNMENT IS IN DEEP TROUBLE IN ITS EFFORTS TO WIN A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE. NO ONE CAN SAY FOR CERTAIN WHAT EFFECT BEHIND THE SCENES LOBBYING ON BEHALF OF THE RPP WILL HAVE, BUT THE DISPLAY OF UNITY IN OPPOSITION TO ECEVIT BY THE NATIONALIST FRONT IS A BLOW TO THE RPP. WHAT MAY HAPPEN IF ECEVIT LOSES VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IS SUBJECT SEPTTEL.
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